

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6806

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YEAS 48 NAYS 0

CERTIFICATE

President of the Senate

Passed by the House March 3, 2006
YEAS 98 NAYS 0

I, Thomas Hoemann, Secretary of the Senate of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 6806** as passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives on the dates hereon set forth.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Secretary

Approved

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Governor of the State of Washington

**Secretary of State
State of Washington**

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By Senate Committee on Judiciary (originally sponsored by Senators Esser, Hargrove, Brandland, Johnson and Rasmussen)

READ FIRST TIME 02/03/06.

AN ACT Relating to domestic violence; creating new sections; and providing an expiration date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1 It is the intent of the legislature to study the advisability of providing to all recipients of protection orders, who are victims of domestic violence, wallet-size cards that would provide to law enforcement all information necessary to enforce the protection order.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2 (1) The domestic violence hope card study committee is established to review the advisability of providing wallet-size cards bearing information regarding protection orders to victims of domestic violence within Washington state. The committee shall collaborate with the Washington state gender and justice commission and shall be composed of:

- (a) Two senators, one from each caucus in the senate;
 - (b) Two representatives, one from each caucus in the house of representatives;
 - (c) One representative of the Washington state attorney general's office;
 - (d) One police chief appointed by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;
 - (e) One elected sheriff appointed by the Washington association of sheriffs and police chiefs;
 - (f) One representative of the Washington state patrol;
 - (g) One representative of the administrative office of the courts;
 - (h) One representative of a tribal government appointed by the governor;
 - (i) One representative of the Washington association of criminal defense lawyers;
 - (j) One representative of a statewide domestic violence advocacy group appointed by the governor;
 - (k) One representative who is an advocate for domestic violence victims on tribal lands appointed by the governor;
 - (l) One representative of the office of crime victims advocacy;
 - (m) One representative of the Washington association of prosecuting attorneys; and
 - (n) One representative of the Washington state association of county clerks.
- (2) The committee shall review and analyze hope card programs operating in Washington state and other states. Specifically, the committee shall review:
- (a) The practicality of requiring the statewide distribution of wallet-size cards to victims of domestic violence that document the existence of a protection order and provide identifying information regarding the respondent, including a photograph, and contents of a protection order in addition to contact information for the victim to utilize the court system, gain access to domestic violence services, and contact law enforcement;
 - (b) The information required to be provided to victims of domestic violence under current law;

- (c) Whether victims of domestic violence are receiving this information;
 - (d) Whether any additional information should be included on the cards provided to domestic violence victims;
 - (e) Costs, administrative, and capital equipment issues involved with the implementation of such a program;
 - (f) How nonstate funds could be utilized to pay for the costs involved in implementation of such a program;
 - (g) How such a program could be implemented statewide;
 - (h) Confidentiality, privacy, and safety concerns that may arise in the implementation of such a program; and
 - (i) Any other issues the committee finds relevant to the distribution of hope cards to victims of domestic violence.
- (3) Staff support shall be provided by the office of crime victims advocacy.
- (4) Legislative members of the study committee shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 44.04.120. Nonlegislative members, except those representing an employer or organization, are entitled to be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.
- (5) A committee report, containing findings and proposed legislation, if any, shall be delivered to the full legislature not later than December 31, 2006.

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3** This act expires June 30, 2007.

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